

American Parity Act

Comparison of USAID Contract Awards for Iraqi Reconstruction and Budget Conference Agreement



Education

Iraq—\$2 million initially; up to \$69.6 million over 12 months for desks, computers, and supplies. Schools in Basra, Umm Qasr have been given kits containing enough supplies for every student for a year.¹

America—59,000 kids will be eliminated from Head Start, no funds are allotted for school modernization.²



Capital Construction

Iraq—\$34.6 million initially; up to \$680 million over 18 months for repair or rehabilitation, including 6 airports, 100 hospitals, and 6,000 schools.³

America—In Chicago, the budget would cut Community Development Block Grants by \$7 million for housing and other construction needs.⁴

¹ 5/20/03 release from DefenseLink.

² National Head Start Association White Paper, 4/16/03.

³ USAID Award to Bechtel of San Francisco, CA, 4/17/03.

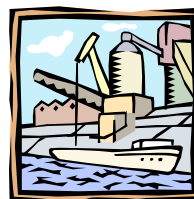
⁴ City of Chicago, Washington, DC Office budget analysis.



Health Care

Iraq—\$28 million initially; up to \$93.8 million to provide 13 million people basic health services; maternity care for 100% of the population.⁵

America—Medicaid block grant proposal threatens access to health care for 14 million people.⁶



Major Infrastructure

Iraq—\$4.8 million initially for complete reconstruction of only deep-water port in Umm Qasr.⁷

America—The 2004 Budget Conference Agreement cuts U.S. Army Corps of Engineers funding by 10%.⁸

⁵ USAID award to Abt Assoc. Cambridge, MA 4/30/03; WHO grant 3/28/03; UNICEF grant 3/28/03.

⁶ Republicans Dig the Deficit Deeper: Summary and Analysis of the 2004 Conference Agreement on the Budget Resolution, House Budget Committee, Democratic Caucus, pg. 31.

⁷ USAID award to Stevedoring Services of America, Seattle, WA 3/24/03.

⁸ "Summary and Analysis of President Bush's 2004 Budget" House Budget Committee, Democratic Caucus, pg. 60.